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1. WITHIN A WEEK OR SO, WITH WHAT WE CAN SUPPLY FROM HERE,
AND WHAT IS PICKED UP BY OUR EMBASSIES IN COUNTRIES ATTENDING
THE LAHORE SUMMIT, THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE ABLE TO PUT
TOGETHER A COMPOSITE PICTURE AS TO HOW THE U.S. FARED AT THE
SUMMIT. WHAT FOLLOWS IS ONLY FROM PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND
RESOLUTIONS OF THE CONFERENCE, AS WELL AS FROM TALKS I HAD
AT THE BANGUET HELD SATURDAY NIGHT IN THE GLITTERING HALL OF
MIRRORS AT THE OLD FORT OF LAHORE.

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2. IN BHUTTO'S OPENING SPEECH HE REFERRED TO THE ROLE OF THE WESTERN POWERS AS FOLLOWS:

"UNDER THE PRESSURE OF THE ECONOMIC FORCES, IF NOT THROUGH A PERCEPTION OF THE RIGHTS AND WRONGS OF THE SITUATION, THE WESTERN POWERS HAVE AWAKENED TO THE URGENCY OF A DEFINITIVE SETTLEMENT OF THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM. THE MEDIATORY PROCESSES WHICH HAVE THUS BEEN PUT INTO MOTION ARE NOT TO BE DISDAINED. "THESE ARE GOOD AUGURIES. BUT THEY CAN VANISH IF AN APATHY TOWARDS THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM, AND A SATISFACTION AT PARTIAL SOLUTIONS, BEGINS TO SWAY THE POLICIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE SUPPORTED ISRAEL. ON THEIR PART, THE ARAB STATES HAVE SHOWN THAT THEIR APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM IS NOT THEOLOGICAL, LIKE ISRAEL'S, BUT ONE WHICH VISUALIZES A SERIES OF PEACEFUL ADJUSTMENTS BEGINNING WITH DISENGAGEMENT."

3. LAST NIGHT AZIZ AHMED TOOK ME ASIDE SAYING THAT SO FAR HE HAD BEEN ABLE TO STEER THE MEETINGS OF FOREIGN MINISTERS AWAY FROM ANTI-AMERICAN STATEMENTS, WITH ONE EXCEPTION. HE SAID THAT THE MORNING THE AGENDA WAS AGREED UPON HE HAD ADJOURNED THE MEETING OF THE MINISTERS, NOT ALLOWING INDIVIDUAL SPEECHES. HE SAID, HOWEVER, HE HAD FAILED TO KEEP THE U.S. OUT OF THE PICTURE IN ONE PARAGRAPH OF ONE OF THE RESOLUTIONS. WE NOW HAVE THE TEXT OF THAT RESOLUTION WHICH LAHORE WILL BE REPORTING SEPARATELY. THE PARAGRAPH HE WAS REFERRING TO IS AS FOLLOWS:

"CONVINCED THAT THE MILITARY, ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND MORAL SUPPORT GIVEN TO ISRAEL BY SOME COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY THE USA, ENABLES IT TO PURSUE THE EXECUTION OF ITS POLICY OF AGGRESSION AND TO CONSOLIDATE ITS OCCUPATION OF ARAB TERRITORIES."

4. AZIZ AHMED SAID THAT THIS WAS PREPARED BY A DRAFTING COMMITTEE REPRESENTING ABOUT A DOZEN NATIONS. HE SAID AT THE FRIDAY MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE HE HAD TRIED TO GET THE ENTIRE PARAGRAPH DELETED, ALTHOUGH THIS WAS TACTICS ONLY AS HE KNEW HE COULD NOT SECURE AGREEMENT TO THAT EFFECT. HE HAD NEXT TRIED TO TAKE OUT THE WORDS "PARTICULARLY THE USA" ON THE ARGUMENT THAT THE INTENSIVE EFFORTS OF THE U.S. TO BE CONFIDENTIAL

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HELPFUL AT THIS STAGE SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED, AND THAT THE U.S. THEREFORE SHOULD NOT BE MENTIONED IN THIS CONTEXT BY NAME. HE SAID EVERYONE HAD AGREED BUT SYRIA. I ASKED HIM IF LIBYA HAD AGREED AND HE SAID "SURPRISINGLY SO." WHEN THE RESOLUTION WAS RETYPED AND PUT IN FINAL FORM THE REFERENCE TO THE USA WAS THEREFORE DELETED BUT SYRIA OBJECTED. AZIZ AHMED SAID HE REMINDS SYRIA THAT THEY WERE THE ONLY NATION WHO HAD FAILED TO AGREE THE DAY BEFORE AND THEREFORE THE PHRASE

SHOULD STAND DELETED. SYRIA (WHOM HE SUPPOSED HAD BEEN LOBBYING ON THE SIDE) SAID "NOT SO, THERE ARE VERY MANY HERE WHO WANT TO LEAVE THE REFERENCE TO THE U.S. IN THE RESOLUTION." IT HAD THEN COME TO A SHOW OF HANDS AND AZIZ AHMED SAID HE WAS OUT VOTED.

5. I ONLY HAD TIME TO REMARK THAT SUCH THINGS DO HAPPEN, WHEN LARGE CONFERENCES ARE CONVENED, BEFORE WE WERE INTERRUPTED BY THE ENTRY OF KING FAYSAL.BYROADE

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